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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Managers

OF THE

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY,

OF

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AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF FIFTH AND ARCH STREETS.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Annual Subscription to the Library, Two Dollars.
Life Membership, Twenty-five Dollars.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I give, devise, and bequeathe to the Apprentices' Library
Company of Philadelphia.

Library open for the delivery of Books to Boys, on every
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday Evening.

For Girls, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Afternoons.

Number of Books in Boys' Library,	.	.	9253
“ “ Girls' Library,	.	.	3956
Total,			<hr/> 13,209

T O T H E

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY

OF PHILADELPHIA.

THE Board of Managers of the Apprentices' Library, respectfully reports,—that during the year just passed, there have been loaned from the Boys' Library, 18,717 volumes, and from the Girls' Library, 16,253 volumes. There are now out 726 volumes from the Boys' Library, and 586 volumes from the Girls'. In the course of the year, 481 new books have been added to the former, by purchase, and 356 to the latter, and 1111 new applicants have been admitted to the privileges of the institution, of whom 732 were boys, and 379 girls. Besides the works purchased, a number of donations have been received, from the Smithsonian Institute, Patent Office Department, and other sources, which have been duly acknowledged.

Although the above statistics display a decrease in the number of books loaned, the number of new applicants, and of individuals using the Library, it is nevertheless a satisfactory exhibit, considering certain causes which have worked against us. There has been started within a few years a very laudable institution, similar in most respects to our own, which has successfully labored in the same cause. The last annual report of the Young Man's Institute, shows, that there had been loaned the preceding year, from the West Philadelphia, Southwark, Moyamensing, Spring Garden, and City Institutes, altogether, upwards of 32,000 volumes, and that their libra-

ries contained in the aggregate, more than 11,000, thus nearly doubling the facilities for free reading, offered by the Apprentices' Library alone before. As these Institutes have become known, numbers, to whom they were more accessible, have naturally forsaken us,—and a greater decrease might have been anticipated.

The Treasurer's Report is hereunto appended. It will be noticed that the necessary outlays for salaries, repairs, gas, fuel, &c., consume about two-thirds of our present income, leaving a small sum to be expended in increasing the library. The Report of the Institute before referred to, states, that over \$50,000 have been contributed to their funds by private munificence. We would respectfully call the attention of the benevolent to our fund, and suggest, that if the individual members would send proper persons to use the library, and make occasional exertions to swell its list of contributors, they would greatly increase our sphere of usefulness. Few objects are more worthy of philanthropic support; for no cure to sensual indulgence among youth, is so infallible as the counter charm of intellectual pleasure, nor any earthly balm more soothing to the pains of an old age in penury, than that which flows from this unfailing source. Books are always even-tempered friends—moderators in prosperity and comforters in adversity. Men may lack food and clothing, but a well-toned and well-trained *mind* will rise above every misery.

Since the last report, a mansion in Arch Street, belonging to the Greenfield estate, has been sold for \$11,000; another house, of the same estate, has been sold for \$7500, and still other properties remain unsold; no further division having been made during the year to the beneficiaries of this trust.

The general impropriety of admitting works of fiction to our shelves, has claimed the attention of the Board, and they are almost unanimous in the opinion that abundance of interesting reading matter exists in the wide fields of history, biography, travels, and the like, to satisfy well organized minds, and that novel reading has mostly an unnatural and unhealthy tendency. The truths of history, and the adven-

tures of travel, certainly contain enough that is marvellous and exciting to meet the cravings of any reasonable imagination.

To increase the use of the library, the Board have directed, that attractive cards setting forth its facilities, be hung conspicuously in Manufactories, and other public places.

Should our future efforts be wisely directed, we cannot doubt that the smiles of Heaven will rest upon them as heretofore, and that our interesting institution will continue to be the channel through which joy will flow to hearts who would otherwise have grovelled in the dust, causing sunshine to be shed, and blessings to be strewn in their path.

By order of the Board,

JAMES J. BARCLAY, *Chairman.*

WM. R. MAXFIELD, *Secretary.*

March, 1857.

Dr. } **Abstract of the accounts of Samuel Mason, Treasurer of the Apprentices' Library Company, from Third month 10th, 1856, to Third month 9th, 1857.** { *Cr.*

1857. To Cash paid Book Committee, for purchase of books,	\$600 00	1856. 3d mo. 10. By balance of Cash this date,	\$107 13
" Gas bills,	48 54	" Annual Subscriptions of members,	508 00
" Insurance of books and furniture,	40 00	" received for Fines, and for Catalogues sold,	242 81
" Salaries of Librarians, and services collecting books, &c.,	747 17	" " for Groundrent, Interest and Dividends,	1139 40
" paid on account New Stocks,	140 00		
" transferred to account of Building Fund,	71 25		
" Printing, Paper, &c.,	65 94		
" Incidentals, to Room Committee, fuel, &c.,	71 87		
" Binding Books,	173 18		
" Balance of Cash on hand on General Account,	39 39		
	<u>\$1997 34</u>		<u>\$1997 34</u>
DR. Building Fund of the Apprentices' Library Co. in account with Samuel Mason, Treasurer.		CR.	

1857. 3rd mo. 9. To Balance,	\$241 44	1856. 3rd mo. 10. By balance of Cash per Report this date,	\$98 94
		1857. 1st mo. 13. By Cash received for Interest on \$2500 City Loan transferred from general account \$75, less tax 3.75,	71 25
		13. By Cash received for interest on City Loan, due 1st,	71 25
	<u>\$241 44</u>		<u>\$241 44</u>

Guarantor Account.			
1857. 3rd mo. 7. To Cash returned by Jesse Ogden, Librarian,	\$2 00	1857. 2nd mo. 3. By Cash from Jesse Ogden, collected by him,	\$5 00
9. To Balance,	7 00	3rd mo. 7. By Cash from Jesse Ogden,	4 00
	<u>\$9 00</u>		<u>\$9 00</u>

The undersigned appointed by the Board of Managers, to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, have attended to that duty, and find the account correct, there being the following balances in his hand due the Company:—

On General account,	\$39 39
On account Building Fund,	241 44
On Guarantee account,	7 00
JOEL CADBURY, } Com. T. BOWDLE, }	\$287 83

SAMUEL MASON,
TREASURER.

Phila., Third month 9, 1857.

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